Sharon: Syria ready for pullout

TEL AVIV (R) - Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon Tuesday told a parliamentary committee that Syria had agreed to the first phase of a mutual withdrawal in Lebanon, according to committee sources. But Mr. Sharon told the Knesset (parliamentary) Foreign Affairs and Security Committee that there would be no Israeli withdrawal unless Syria released all Israeli prisoners of war and returned the bodies of Israeli soldiers killed in the fighting. It was not clear when or how Syria agreed to any withdrawal plan. But U.S. diplomats have been travelling throughout the Middle East in an effort to negotiate the evacuation of all foreign forces from



Arafat to visit Moscow in January

DAMASCUS (R) - Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) chief Yasser Arafat will visit the Soviet Union in mid-January at the invitation of the Soviet leadership. Palestinian sources said here Tuesday. They said Mr. Arafat's talks would focus on developments relating to the Palestine question, the current situation in the Middle East and Soviet-Palestinian relations. The sources noted that two members of the PLO's 15-man executive committee, Yasser Ahed-Rabbo and Mahmoud Ahhas, are currently in Moscow to represent the PLO at the Soviet Union's 60th anniversary celebrations.

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Mine kills 2 Israeli officers in Lebanon

TEL AVIVIR) - Two Braeli officers were killed and three others were injured Tuesday when their army vehicle struck a mine in the Israeli army spokesman announced.

Junblatt in Amman

 $AMMAN(J,T_i)$ — The leader of Lebanese Progressive Socialist Party, Walid Junblatt arrived in Amman Monday on a private visit to Jordan according to Al Ra'i newspaper. The newspaper did not say whom Mr. Junblatt will be meeting here or when he will be leaving.

Iraqi postal delegation leaves

AMMAN (Petra) — An Iraqi postal delegation headed by fragi-Posts and Postal Savings Department Director-General Nizar Al Azzah lefi Amman Tuesday at the end of a two-day visit to Jordan. During its visit, the delegation had talks with Jordanian officials on matters related to developing cooperation between the two countries in postal savings. It also visited the Jordanian postal museum and toured its various

Industrial estate to have banks

AMMAN (Petra) - The Sahab Industrial Estate Tuesday agreed to let offices at the administrative buildings of the estate as branches for several Jordanian banks to render banking services to industrial investors in the estate. The banks will initiate their services in the estate at the completion of the first phase of work by mid-1983. Industrial investors are applying for renting space to set up their industries there in view of the availability of the needed services.

Secretarial course opens for girls

AMMAN (Petra) - Fifty-one girls of the Princess Sarvat Communny Cullege Tuesday began practical training in several ind-Ustrial, commercial and banking enterprises. The Amman Cha-Inher of Commerce, in condination with these enterprises. will train these students on secretarial work and management to give them practical experience for qualifying them to work. The duration of the programme is one year with classes ance every week.

Damage on Cape Town power plant may delay operation

PRETORIA (R) - South Africu's nucleur power plant near Cape Town may not go into operation as early as planned following sabotage last weekend. Mineral and Energy Affairs Minister Piet Du Plessis said Tuesday. "It would appear that the damage may delay the commissioning of the first unit." he said in a statement after two-hour talks with officials from the Electricity Supply Commission (Escom), the Atomic Energy Corporation and the Council for Nuclear Safety.

Reagan to sign government funding bill

WASHINGTON (R) - President Reagan will sign a major government funding hill Tuesday although Congress has refused to include in it money to produce the MX nuclear missile. the White House said. The House of Representatives and the Senate passed the bill, providing about \$414 billion to run the federal government until the end of next September, and sent it to the White House at midnight after working on it through the weekend.

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eastern sector of Lebanon, the

His Majesty King Hussein and U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger take part in an honour

ceremony at the Pentagon prior to their meeting Tuesday IA.P. wirephoto).

U.S. wants Palestinians to join Middle East peace talks

WASHINGTON (Agencies) - the Arabs or the Israelis to agree The Reagan administration wants Palestinian participation in the Middle East peace process and appears to be convinced that Israel would participate in talks with "a viable Arab delegation," according to a senior U.S. State Departinent official

And the discussion of how the peace process night be broadened by the inclusion of a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation at the negatiating table apparently would have been high on the agenda when President Reagan met with King Hussein at the White House on Tuesday.

"We definitely want Palestinians joining with Jordan" at the negotiating table, the State Department official told fureign journalists at a Dec. 20 briefing un King Hussein's working visit to Washington.

comes furward to the table.-King Hussein and Palestinians--I can't conceive that the Israelis would not also he at the table." the official said.

Asked about his optimism regarding Israel's participation after Israel had rejected President Reagan's Sept. I peace plan, the official explained that the Sept. 1 propusals "are the American postions which the president will pursue in negotiations."

"We did not, at the time, expect

to the American negotiating position," be said,

"The Israeli cabinet rejected soincihing no one asked them to

The official told the reporters that he would not expect "An earth-shaking breakthrough" in the talks between President Reagan and King Hussein. But he emphasised that this will be the first incetting between the King and the president since President Reagan issued his Sept. 1 proposals and that it would be "important.

We have a long history of cooperation and friendship with Jordan," he said, "The King and President Reagan will have a number of important issues to discuss. The status of and prospects for the peace process will be high un the agenda."

declined to speculate on what King Hussein might have to say. hut he was clear on where the Reagan administration stands,

"President Reagan is determined to press forward with his Sept. I initiative," the official said, noting that the initiative is based on United Nations Security Couneil Resolution 242 "with its prineiple of exchanging territory for peace." He added that Resolution 242 is the basis for the Camp David accords.

He summed up the administration's position by quoting from the president's remarks on Oct. 22 to the effect that "peace in the Middle East means achieving security for all the states in the troubled region -- security for the Arab states and security for Israel and a sense of identity for the Palestinian people.

The State Department official did, however, point out that King Hussein has publicly supported President Reagan's initiative and continues to do so."

"Jordan has taken the lead with respect to the other Arabs, and most importantly, the Palestinians in an effort to move toward broadened negotiations.

Asked if the United States plans to use the sale of weapons to Jordan as leverage to encourage Jordunian participation in peace talks, the State Department official gave an emphatic "no." pointing out that there has been no formal request from Jordan for

He said the focus of talks between the two countries is on modernising Jordan's armed forces to meet its legitimate defence needs. including the types of nireraft that would best meet these needs. "If and when we receive requests for the sale of new weapon systems. these requests will be given ser lous consideration," he said.

Tension Telaxed along Sino-Soviet border

PEKING (R) -Kensibn along the Sino-Saviet frontier has further relaxed this year following Moscow's calls for detente with China, according to a rare official eye-witness account from the border available in Peking Tuesday.

It says that Soviet military exereises, once held regularly as a show of force by the Kremlin. have been held less frequently and minor day-to-day burder problems have stood a better chance of being resolved in a reasonable manner through discussions. The account is given in an art-

icle to be published in the fortheoming edition (of the official magazine observation post, regarded as an authoritative mouthoice of the party leadership. and printed earlier in a Shanghai evening paper which arrived in the capital Tuesday.

Over the past six months or so. the border has seemed quicter than before, military exercises by the Soviet army have been held less frequently, and disputes invalving (each other's) foreign nationals have stood a better chance of being solved fairly reasonably. it said.

The article was referring specifically to one sector, near Suifenhe, in cass Manchuria, not far from the Soviet naval port of Vladivostok, but indicated this was the general situation. It was necessary to wait and see what else the new Soviet leadership would do to improve Sino-Soviet

relations before progress could be made, it added. Chinese leaders have said repeatedly that Moscow must first take concrete action towards rem-

oving three obstacles it says are blocking the way to an improvement. They are the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan, Mos-cuw's support for Vietnam in Kampuchea, and more than 50

divisions along China's northern

borders which Peking says con-

King, Reagan to continue crucial talks on Mideast

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan Tuesday urged King Hussein to enter comprehensive Middle East peace talks, but U.S. officials said the Jordanian leader was unable to make such a commitment at this time.

The president and the King met dence" that Israel could not be privately and later with key aides in two hours of White House talks focusing on the peace process. They agreed to have a second meeting before the King departs

on Thursday.
A senior Rengan administration official told reporters the president reiterated the U.S. sense of "urgency" about the Middle East situation and his hopes that the King would agree to participate in talks aimed at resolving the reg-

ion's long-standing Palestinian

King Hussein, who has supported the president's proposals of Sept. 1. fold Mr. Reagan he was continuing to seek needed Palestinian backing for Jordan to head a delegation into such talks.

Mr. Reagan has proposed the Palestinians be granted self government on the West Bank "in association with Jordan."

The King said, however, that Israel's continued settlements of the West Bank of Jordan--in defiance of U.S. policy--were seen by Palestinians as "irrefutable evi-

Iran plans all-out attack

LONDON (R) - Iran is preparing for an all-out invasion of Iraq to avenge Sunday's Iraqi missile attacks on the southern Iranian city of Dezful, the National News Agency IRNA said Tue-

The agency quoted Col. Sayad Shirazi, commander of ground forces, as saying that military experts were drawing up plans for an offensive aimed at taking Iranian forces to points along Iraq's western borders. At least 62 people died, 300

were wounded and several hundred shops and houses destroyed in the long-range missile attacks which hit parts of the city centre. Col. Shirazi, a hardline fun-

damentalist officer, said Iranian forces were preparing for "a future operation which will be widespread and all-uut."

As the King left the White House, Mr. Reagan said they had spoken "with candour and good and the Palestinians. will about the situation.

"I told the King of my personal commitment to see peace in the Middle East become a true and lasting reality and of my equally

counted on to bargain in good

deep commitment to the proposals that we made Sept. I to Israel, in the Palestinians, and to the Arab states." Mr. Reagan

He said King Hussein had taken important actions in support of the U.S. initiative over the past few

months We'll continue to do our utin-

ost," King Hussein said. The official said the King believed that his White House talks would "give a push to the dialogue" going on between Jordan

The additional meetings beiween Mr. Reagan and the King, as well as those between their aides, were nrranged to explore in mure

depth what Jordan would require to join in any talks.

King Hussein also discussed Jordan's arms needs but gave Mr. Reagan no formal request for advanced F-16 fighters or any other weapons. U.S. officials said.

The senior official said that the prospects for congressional approyal of such arms to Jordan would be "drainatically improved" if Jordan agreed to enter comprehensive talks

The King, who earlier met Secretary of State George Shultz and Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger, was scheduled to confer-Wednesday with the joint chiefs of staff, the tup U.S. military

Hassan attends army celebrations

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, patronised un Tuesday the celebration of the First Royal Armuur Battalion on the 32nd anniversary of its establishment. Prince Hassan spoke to the bat-

talion's men and conveyed to them the greetings of His Majesty King Hussein, the supreme commander of the Armed Forces, and talion. Indicating the skill, acchis congratulations on the anniversary of the battalion's establishment. He alsu praised the role of the armed forces in protecting the homeland and defending the rights of the Arab Nat-

The celebration included several training exercises performed by the officers and men of the baturacy and speed in using the arms and equipment of the battalion.

At the end of the celebration. Prince Hassan handed over awaids to the winners. The celeliration was attended by the chief of siaff, high-ranking officers, and refired officers who had served at the battalion.

Moscow offers conditional cut in nissiles while the Soviet Union would States with no medium-range mis-

MOSCOW (R) - Soviet leader Yuri Andropov Tuesday offered to cut Moscow's medium-range. missile forces in Europe to match the numbers of missiles deployed by Britain and France. Mr. Andropov, speaking at a

Kreinlin meeting to mark the 614th anniversary of the USSR, made clear that the offer would be conditional on NATO scrapping its planned deployment of 572 Cruise and Pershing-2 medium-range missiles in Western Europe. Britain has 64 Polaris missiles in

submarines and France has 97 missiles in submarines and on land, so the Sovlet offer would leave Moscow with stround 160 Mr. Andropov mentioned only

Sovier missiles in Europe and did not say whether missiles which were cut back would be dismantled or merely taken east of

He said that the offer would mean Moscow would cut back "hundreds of missiles, including tens of the latest missiles known in the West as the SS-20," Western diplumats said the Sov-

ict offer would leave the United

siles in Europe and most of the Soviet reductions would be in the older SS-4 and SS-5 types, which are obsolescent.

France, Britain reject offer

PARIS (R) — French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson Tuesday rejected Soviet proposals for a cutback in French nuclear forces in part return for a reduction in Soviet missiles forces in Europe.

In a television interview soon after the proposal had been made by new Kreinlin chief Yuri Andropov. Mr. Chevsson said France could not accept any cut in its own nuclear arsenal.

In London, British Prime Minister Margaret Phatcher Tuesday rejected an offer from Soviet leailer Yuri Andropov to reduce Moscow's arsenal of mediumrange missiles in Europe to match the number deployed by Britain and France.

She rold parliament the effect of the offer would be to leave the United States with no mediumrange nuclear missiles in Europe

have "a very considerable number

Germany sceptical

West Germany reacted with scepticism Tuesday to Soviet lender Yuri Andropov's offer to eut Moscow's inedium-ringe nuclear missiles in Europe. Government spokesman Jue-

rgen Sudhoff said Mr. Andrapav's offer to reduce the number of missiles to the level held by France and Britain sounded good but would not achieve parity. Soviet lender Yuri Andropov's

offer to cut Moscow's mediumrange missile forces was a move forward from previous positions but would not go far enough for NATO, Western defence experts said Tuesday.

They said Mr. Andropov's speech at a Kremlin meeting showed that the Soviet Union had shifted closer to U.S. demands at talks un both medium-range and intercontinental missiles (ICBAEs) at

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Zhao voices support for Arab Aideast peace efforts

CAIRO (R) — Chinese Premier Zhau Ziyang voiced support for

ptian President Hosni Mubarak a

start of a 111-natiun Africa tour. He earlier had four hours with the Egyptian leader, believed to have centred on Africa and the Middle

Sino-Soviet relations.

day after his arrival in Cairo at the

'new Soviet leadership would try to remove obstacles hampering

the Arab states Middle East peace effort Tuesday, and said China would respect any decision

taken by them and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) on the issue. Mr. Zhao was speaking at a joint press conference with EgyHe also told Tuesday's press

conference that China hoped the

viture a majur threat. JPMC employees resu ne work after 24-hour strike

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Jordanian Phosphate Mining Company (JPMC) workers resumed work on Tuesday morning after ending a 24hour strike staged in protest against a JPMC management decision to lay off 225 in ine workers.

This followed an agreement reached on Monday evening between the Labour Ministry and workers' representatives to form a "reconciliation council" that would look further into the workers' demands and future management decisions concerning workers.

According to officials of the Federation of Mining Workers, which represents the striking workers' demands were that "the company's management reinstate the discharged workers, suspend the arbitrary collective and individual discharge of workers and stop employing foreign workers as long as local workers were ava-

company discharged the workers after claiming that they have become old and some of them are ill and consequently unproductive. "However", the officials said, "this excuse was illegal because the Jordanian labour law does not provide for discharging elderly workers. On the contrary, the Social Security Corporation ISSC) law provides for extending

The officials claimed that the

the working age from 60 to 65. Earlier, the Labour Ministry had requested the competent authorities to form a fuur-man committee of the ministry, the compuny's management, the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Union (GFJTU) and the general federation of mining workers to discuss the ease. The committee held its first meeting last Saturday, but failed to reach a solution. It held another meeting last Sunday in the presence of 60 workers who were laid off to see the committee. The committee could not find any justification for discharging them hecause they were found in good

health and capable of work, the federation's officials said. Monday's strike ensued until the agreement was reached in the

According to the agreement between Dr. Anani and workers' representatives the "reconciliation council" was formed with the aim of investigating the case of 15tt workers discharged by the management two months ago and the postponement of a JPMC decision to lay off the additional 75 workers as of Dec. 27, pending the reconciliation council's examinution of the workers' case, and which should be completed before

The idea of forming the reconciliation council was originally suggested by the Labour Ministry but was rejected at first by the federation "since this would make the case drag on without reaching any hasic solution."

Apparently the federation changed its position on Monday evening, and Dr. Anani appointed Dr. Haitham Hourani, a Uni-



JPMC workers stage a protest strike at a Ruseifa work site against dismissing 260 phosphates mine workers (Jordan Times Photo)

versity of Jordan economist, as the

The agreement stated the prineiple of not discharging workers by the company's management before proper consultations with the workers' federation and the Labour Ministry.

abour Ministry.
It was also agreed that the pray



ority of employment should be council's chairman.

given to the children of discharged workers and tu the inhabitants of the areas surrounding phosphate mines. It was reported Tuesday that the reconciliation council started its meetings but no details of its deliberations have emerged

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Jordanian team visits Iran-Iraq battlefront

BAGHDAD (Petra) --- A Jordanian delegation, headed by Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Addoub Al Zaben, visited Tuesday the battlefront of the Gulf war at the Iragi-Iranian border.

The delegation was briefed by Iraqi military commanders on the military situation on the battlefront. The Iraqi officers affirmed that Iraqi forces are "determined to defend every inch of Arab land and to prevent the Iranian regime from achieving its expansionist goals. They praised "Jordan's stand under the leadership of His Majesty King Hussein and its honourable support of Iraq's rights." They said the "Iraqi leadership, army and people will not forget this noble pan-Arab stand for Jordan."

Dr. Zaben explained that Jordan's support of Iraq is a "pan-Arab duty and a debt which Jordan owes to Iraq, because Jordan can never forget Iraq's pan-Arab stands in defending Arab lands," He said the Arabs are "duty-bound to render allout support to Iraq in its just

Dr. Zaben also met with his fragi counterpart Abdul Jabbar Abdul Rahim in Baghdad. They reviewed phases covered by a microwave communications project linking Iraq with Jordan, a plan to increase space telecommunications channels through ground stations in the two countries, and distribution of channels through the present coaxial cable, Mr. Ahdul Rahim affirmed during the meeting the significance of consolidating relations between the two countries, particularly in telecommunications for the "benefit of the two fraternal countries and the Arab Nation."

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SALT (J.T.) -- Salt Development

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of directors Sunday and Mr. Jallar

Al Shami was elected board cha-

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shir, Mohammad Abdul Razzaq

Al Daoud, Mamdouh Ahu Has-

san, Abdullah Al Nsour, Moh-

animad Al Abdul Hussein Al

The board also includes as

members Sali Mayor Abdul Raz-

Awamleh, and Bakr Al Hivari.

irınan unopposed.

A nra Hotel inaugurated

AMMAN (Petra) — Tuurism and Antiquities Minister Ma'un Aliu Nowar opened Tuesday the Amra

Mr. Abu Nuwar said in his opening speech that the establishment of the hotel is an "excellent Inrdanian achievement" because il will play un effective role in contributing to the development of lourism, which is one of the economic and social development sec-Jurs in Jordan."

"This achievement is an expression of the government policy in supporting national plans and is a result of cooperation between the public and private sectors," he

Mr. Ahu Nowar affirmed the need for developing tourist activities in a manner that is compatible with the development Jordan is currently witnessing in various fields."

the 300-room, 11-storey hotel, built at a cost of JD 9 million, contains halls suitable for holding cunferences and seminars.

ular bodies in the governorate.

environment."

Salt Development Corporation elects directors

with the aim of giving prominence to the tourist and historic nature of the city and preserving its cultural heritage as well as maintaining the city's cleanliness and protecting its

Dr. Nsour said the board has made a contract with consultancy firms to define the needed cadres for the munic rality and to train them to perform their duty in the best possible manner. He said the engineering firm, Dar Al Handasch has volunteered to prepare an organisational chart for the city.

NCC committees meet

AMMAN (Petra) - The Economic Committee of the National Consultative Council (NCC), which held a meeting Tuesday presided over by its Chairman Anis Al Merasher, discussed a proposal related to the import of foreign cigarettes. Acting Prime Minister and Finance Minister Salem Mas'adeh, Minister of Agriculture Marwan Dudin and Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour attended the meeting.

The NCC's Legal Committee discussed a draft law amending the public security law for 1982 and a proposal related to the draft law of the Jordan Bar Association during a meeting it held, also Tuesday. chaired by its Chairman Kamal Al Dajani.

The National Mobilisation Committee also met under the chairmanship of its Chairman Mamdouh Al Abbadi and decided to organise general symposiums on national self-reliance and its educational, economic and social aspects.

Contributions continue for Yemeni quake victims

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordanian public Tuesday continued their contributions to victims of last week's earthquake in North Yemen in the

form of clothes and foodstuffs. Officials at the Jordanian National Red Crescent Society said that the committee is still awaiting the contributions of banks, financial enterprises and insurance companies in order to send them to North

President of the Jordanian Red Crescent Society Ahmad Abu Qourah said that he has telephoned the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Geneva to brief them on the volume of aid, contributions and foodstuffs needed for the earthquake's victims. He said large quantities of medicines, blankets and foodstuffs have been sent to the victims from various Red Cross and Red Crescent soc-

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Documentation 1 Week to begin Saturday

AMMAN (Petra) - The Department of National Libraries. Documentation and Archives (DNLDA), in cooperation with the Jordan Amateur Photography Club will celebrate the National Documentation Week which begins Saturday. The ceremony will include a competition of photographs of a cultural, historic and social nature which could he of historic value in the future whether they are coloured or black and white and at various sizes.

The DNLDA has called on the citizens who have such pholographs to present them to the department or to the club so that they could be assessed.

Awards will be granted to the winning photographs.

APU to launch coordinated efforts to better services

AMMAN (Petra) -- Transport Ministry Administrative Director Jamil Izmigna Monday said that the executive council of the Arab Postal Union (APU) discussed during its meetings concluded in Dubai early this week a number of postal questions related to expediting mail delivery among Arab countries.

In a statement to the Jordanian News Agency, Perra, Mr. Izmigna said that the council decided to coordinate efforts in an Universal Postal Union conference scheduled to be held in Hamhurg in 1984 to expel Israel from the union, similar to a measure taken against South Africa because of its racist policy and defiance of Uni-

ted Nations resolutions. Mr. Izmiqna also said that the

council decided to give urgent assistance to the Lebanese postal system to restore life to the vital service. The Jordanian government has already rendered urgent aid to the Lebanese postal service, he

Mr. Izmiqna said that the couneil also decided to expand and develop cooperation with African and Asian postal unions and to discuss the question of setting up an Islamic postal union. It also decided to give further aid to the Arab Postal College in Damascus and to set up a modern building of the APU in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) where the APU will set up its headquarters.

Mr. Izmigna headed the Jordanian delegation to the meetings of the APU executive council.

Flashes of inspiration at university exhibition

By Meg Abu Hamdan ecial to the Jordan Times

AMMAN -- Although there is a tremendous diversity in the quality of the art works--which cover the complete spectrum of media from oil paintings to pencil drawings--now on show at University of Jordan Library, it is nevertheless an interesting exhibition. This is mainly because the artists. students whose majors range from business studies to biology, linked by a co-minon desire to paint and draw, are present, eager and anxious, often aware of their shoncomings and keen to progress.

Many of the works are drawn from these young artist's imaginations--etiolated figures populated surreal landscapes. rows of precarious Islamic arches sit upon another row of the same. while it prisoner slumps in a cell bound by medieval chains--for they believe that this is the only true way of expressing themselves. Yet in the same exhibition there are a series of oil paintings of the Jordanian countryside by Dr. Omar Jibreen that prove this is not necessarily the case. With these landscapes, Dr. Jibreen expresses the quiet affection he has for the little, used rutted paths that trace the northern hills lined by gnarled green olives and edged with tufts of wiry grass and weeds. Through

them he wants to share the beauty he has found in the steeply climbing road as it rises through the rich luxury of spring from below the level of the sea to the clear air of the mountains.

Some of the most successful pieces of student work also happen to be drawn from life like ena Lemma's very attractive

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pen-and-ink figure drawings. Although simple, the relaxed poses of her figures, their absorption in their accounting and reading and the hints of domesticity tell one at once that they are the artist's family at home and thus her work achieves a potent reality.

focuses one's attention on the transparency of the glass and on the oranges in their russet coloured bowl. Finally, one other piece worth mentioning is Mahmood Dajani's sketch for a relief. The angled pro-

files of his figures and the soft col-

It is the dark charcoal grey bac-

kground of Amer Kahallah's met-

iculously drawn still life that

makes his piece so notable, for it

ours give rise to a muted ancient Egyptian feel. The exhibition, which runs until Dec. 23, also includes photographs of the work of Ibrahim' Al Najjar, the students teacher, some caligraphy and reliefs using lengths of metal in geometrical

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By Peter Millar Reuter

EAST BERLIN — A Communist answer to the West's capitalistic board game of Monopoly sounds a contradiction in terms, but it is likely to fill the Christmas stockings of many East German children this year.

Trans-kombi, a board game for young and old, has the ambitious goals of simultaneously entertaining and instructing the players in geography and the mechanics of a planned socialist eco-

"They have games such as Monopoly in the West. We wanted to find something just as much fun

that related to our political sys-tem," said the game's inventor, the state, and the winner is the Heinz Behnert, by profession a show producer at East Berlin's Palace of the Republic Ent-

Trans-kombi is played by two teams, consisting of any number of players whose task is to build goods transport systems between specific towns on their separate. maps of East Germany. The goal is efficiency, with rewards given for speed and economy.

ertainment Complex.

Each team, representing a transport collective (in German "kombinat" from which the game

team which uses up the least of the

The players may use road, inland waterways or even airlift goods, but soon learn that air transport is expensive, rail cheaper than road, and for heavy loads, canal barges are cost-effective but

The lesson is highly relevant. With a cut in oil supplies from the Soviet Union, the papers are continually full of new initiatives to cut traosport costs. City trams are being used to carry heavy goods at

night and next year's economic plan calls for an extra six million tonnes to be carried by rail and

"The idea was to keep the luck element to a minimum, with each team working together to surpass the achievements of the other," said Mr. Behnert, sounding like the official definition of socialist competition.

He is an energetic man is his mid-30s, who says his mind is continually bubbling over with new ideas: "Ever since I was a child I've been fascinated with transport and thinking up new games

Trans-kombi begao as an entry in a 1972 competition by good advice, a magazine for hobbies and household tips aimed primarily at women, to find a new family game. Mr. Behnert won and picked up a 2,000 mark (\$800) prize.

The game started as after the Soviet bloc's economic lains: "You cao play it with a map of several countries. My original idea was to include all the socialist states, but we later decided

to make it just our own country."

It was in 1977 that Trans-kombi took its first step towards the toy shop shelves, when a small East Berlin company that for years had specialised in model cars, trains aod trams, took up the game as an extension of its business.

Guenter Hoppenheidt, director 'Comecon-transport', named of People's Own Enterprise Plastic Toys Berlin, explained: "Peoorganisation. As Mr. Behnert exp- ple have more free time now and we wanted to find a game to help fill it, ideally something that parents and children could play together, and was educational."

Trans-kombi: Purely East German game to match Monopoly "We liked Mr. Behvert's idea and got in touch. For the next two stage. years we worked closely together to produce a set of rules and the warity is that we're bringing out a

> kombi first appeared in 1979." Selling at 23 marks (\$10). Trans-kombi is expensive by East German standards, but Mr. Hoppenheidt comments that its contents of maps, counters, cards and paper money are more extensive than those supplied in many games here.

italism of actually including game.

money at all was a subject of deliberation for some time in the game's gestation, with just a value points system considered at ooe

"But proof of the game's popmaps and counters, and Trans- new edition in the new year." he said. "Of course we'd be only too

Meanwhile, Mr. Behnert is keeping his mind ticking over. He's been toying with an idea for a new dice game, but still interested in keeping down the luck element. he is also thinking inspired by the latest Soviet cosmonaut end-Io fact, the concession to cap- urance record -- a space-flight

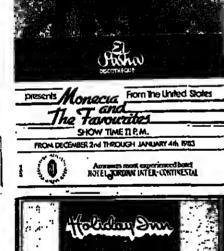
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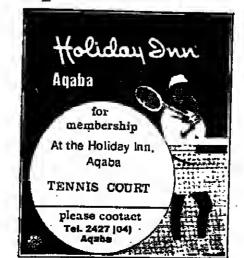
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How's your viability?

JORDAN'S ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Commitments and obligations should be clarified

AND NOW, folks, we meet the latest addition in the cast of thousands that makes up the drama of Peace in the Haly Land: Mr. Viability. You may not have heard of Mr. Viability before because, well, because he has only recently come down to Earth and been introduced inte our company very discreetly via a United States State Department background briefing in journalists in Washington one day before the start of official talks there between President Runald "Viable is My Middle Name" Reagan and His Majesty King Hussein.

We are all collectively excused for not knowing about Mr. Viability before this week, but it seems that we have to get to know this tricky fellow rather quickly. The American briefing talked about "a viable Arab delegation" coming forward to negotiate with Israel as a necessary element of bringing the Israelis to the negotiating table. The viable delegation would include Jardanians and Palestinians, in the American view, and would serve the essential purpose - though this is not spelled nut so clearly by the State Departmen! - nf getting around the American phjection to dealing with

It would be interesting to hear more from

The official talks between His Majesty King Hus-

sein und U.S. President Reagan start Tuesday, an

event carefully observed by American circles that

see in its outcome an indicator of possibilities for a

success or a failure of the Reagan peace initiative

essential consequence as to the degree of ser-

iousness of the U.S. attitude towards peace in the

region, based on just and comprehensive fou-

ndations. To the Arabs the outcome of the talks will

also show how able the Reagan administration is to

The Jordanian side will definitely be sounding

out pan-Arab attitudes, which give priority to the

liberation of the occupied Arab territories, and

suppose that all the main features of the way to

peace will be identified to an extent that leaves no

room for Israeli attempts to thwart the peace pro-

For things to be put in their right course, com-

mitments and obligations to be honoured by all

His Majesty King Hussein's visit and talks in Was-

hington are of major importance to the dev-

elopment of the peace process in the Middle East.

On it depends the possibility of opening a new

chapter of peace efforts that could lead to a just and

durable peace in the region, and a solution to its

central issue -- the Palestinian question, or seeing a

curtain fall on the scene of current peace effort for a

settlement, if the King's visit and talks do not rec-

prehensive peace plan based on international leg-

itionacy. The Arab League seven-member com-

mittee could, through visits and contacts with four

leading world capitals, clarify the Arab stand tow-

ards peace in the region, and abundantly dem-

onstrate genuine concern for peace. It is now for the

U.S., which really have a special role in the Middle

The Arabs had presented to the world a com-

eive sufficient understanding and response.

At the Arab level, the talks are considered of

for the Middle East.

implement its plan.

the Americans about the concept of "viahility". What does nne look to as a model nf viability to emulate? The American-Vietnamese negntiations of the early 1970s? The American relationship with the Shah of

We should not, of course, brush off the American idea too quickly, but rather we should challenge them to put their money where their mouth is. Viability, like love, is in the eye nf the beholder. All the viability of Arabia will ant sweeten the powerful smell of American non-credibility in situations such as these. And who decides what is viable? Ronald Reagan? The House of Representatives' foreign affairs committee which recently voted in increase American aid to Israel as a reward for Israel's actions in Lebanon during this year?

The more one thinks about it, the more Mr. Viability appears to be a diplomatic snowman, destined to melt away into nothingness as soon as he is exposed to the light of day. But never mind, for building snowmen is an important element of American foreign policy. Our question remains; Is American foreign policy in the Middle East viable enough in itself to demand viability of others? We smell a rat,

SCIENCE & INDUSTRY By Dr. Awn Rifai

Expand the activities of the Jordan Centre for Studies and Information

Iordan Centre for Studies and Information bas carried out its activities with reasonable success despite limited financial resources. Expansion of its activities is highly recommended in order to enable the staff of the centre to render whatever assistance they can to decision-makers and researchers in all fields of policy-making.

The centre regularly collects political and socin-economic information from internationally recognised primary sources. The collected items are classified and stored in a computer in a form ready for instant retrieval. The centre also conducts seminars on issues important to the region in order to permit the exchange of views amongst experts and decision-makers,

It also carriesoutstudies on current affairs with special emphasis on the Middle East. Morever, the centre issues an Arabic-English periodical, The Arab perspective, the purpose of which is to help widen and deepen the perspective, understanding, and capability of Arab intellectuals and

decision-makers. The centre is anxious to

promote cooperation with similar centres, and any sug-gestions and ideas that would enhance its performance are

In today's world, politics influences the structure of modern societies. Science however forms the basis for this structure. Hence, although politics until now has directed the activities of the centre. it should be borne in mind that no decision-making process is justified if it is not based upon scientific research and studies in the various relevant disciplines.

The present set-up of the centre should therefore not. discourage scientists, technologists, industrialists, medical doctors, and other specialists, form participating and contributing in its endeavours.

Cooperation between the centre and other concerned institutions in the country should be administered by the centre. Many would-be interested parties still do not know of the existence, the aims, and the functions of the centre. Some people have the misconception that it is just a team of administrators who carry out the task of liaison personnel in the

holding of seminars and the publishing of articles.

Some people get the false impression that the activities are carried out in an arbitrary fushion with no systematic planning and management. Others do not realise that research is carried out in-house, and they tend to underestimate the possible potential value of such an undertaking.

The importance of the centre as a form for strategic planning and decision-making should be recognised. It is my belief that this will happen as soon as the objectives and the role of the centre have been identified.

There is always a need, and an opportunity to augment the buman and financial capabilities of the centre in order to enable it to provide its services in the best possible manner. The task that the centre is expected to undertake extends far beyond a narrow and isolated definition of the word 'politics'

By expanding the activities the strategy-formulating effort of Jordan would get more specialists of varied disciplines. It would also increase the assets available in the hands of the decision-makers.

Result probably a loose accord

New tries to get concerted squeeze on Soviet economy

By Sidney Weiland Reuter

LONDON - The United States and European allies have sidestepped a row over East-West trade by calling for expert advice on how to tighten up on business deals without losing valuable contracts. Western officials say the compromise means a much more leisured approach than the Reagan administration hoped for in trying to cut off trade that potentially might help the Soviet Union's military build-up.

A coordinated strategy on ground rules governing deals with the Communist bloc seems unlikely to emerge for at least six months and could take even longer. Officials say the end result will probably be a loose accord that may be interpreted variously by the 16 NATO governments. It seems likely to fall a long way short of the tough measures sought by the United States.

President Reagan and the Europeans have been feuding for months over U.S. attempts to get the allies in line in a concerted squeeze on the Soviet Union's

hard-pressed economy. France took a lead in resisting what officials in Paris feared could turn into a trade war. Although agreement bas finally been reached on launching a series of expert studies, the French gov-

ernment is still hesitant and may hold back from endorsing a joint

stralegy. Britain has backed Mr. Reagan but is reluctant to break ranks with partners in the 10-nation European Community. West Germany's conservative Chancellor Helmut Kohl also sympathises with U.S. objectives but is anxious not to jeopardise trade contracts at a time of high unemployment.

Vague assurances

Last summer. NATO countries clashed openly in a bitter dispute over U.S. attempts to bar European firms from supplying U.S.-. licensed couloment for a major Soviet natural gas pipeline.

Mr. Reagan backed down in November, but only after getting vague assurances that the Europeans would join in serious srudies aimed at closing off strategic and other loopholes. Even this was disputed. France denied it was a party to any such agreement but said it was ready to go on talking.

Eventually the rift was papered over in a series of low-key meetings during a European tour by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, his first since taking over the post last summer. "We need some overall set of objectives, some sort of strategy," be told reporters on Friday in London. the last of seven capitals he visited. We bave got this identified

Officials say the expert studies called for as the next step will be slow-paced and thorough, and that nothing much is likely to be heard of them until late next spring. Government leaders of the seven major industrialised Western nations - the U.S., Britain. Canada, France, West Germany. Italy and Japan -- will get an initial. report at a meeting in Wil-

liamsburg, Virginia, on May 28. Whatever gloss they put on it will be further refined when NATO foreign ministers meet in Paris in June. To placate Frence and others distrustful of creating a special watchdog body. The U.S. has agreed the studies should be carried out within existing organisations.

Strengthen Cocom

These are mainly the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (O-ECD). Cocom. a Paris-based body that already monitors exports to the Communist bloc, and

Originally, the U.S. wanted to create a special group to include the industrialised big seven and the European Community. France refused to accept anything that might smack of supranationalism or what French officials call U.S. domination.

British diplomats say there will be no deadline for the studies, even though the Williamsburg meeting is a target. The first move will be to strengthen Cocom. which is already at work checking export licences to ensure equipment that might help Moscow nilitarily does not slip through. Cocom will also look into other nigh technology items, possibly ncluding oil and gas equipment. which could have indirect military significance. France would like to probe the impact on the Soviet economy of U.S. grain sales to

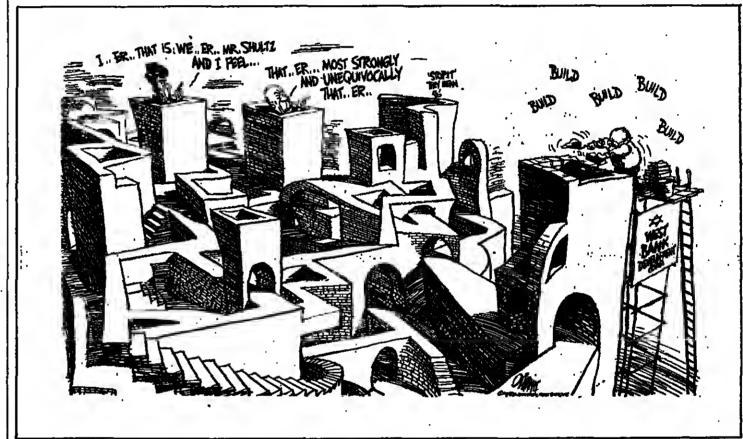
Moscow OECD will track financial and trade flows to judge how much East-West trade contributes to Soviet strength and how to limit Western European dependence on Soviet energy sources.

The U.S. holds that France and West Germany, which are committed to buying gas pumped through the projected Soviet pipeline, could be vulnerable if Moscow decided for political reasons to shut off supplies. Another lask for OECD will be to check whether financial credits offered to the Soviet bloc are too cheap or are weighted with special advantages

to aid Communist customers. In Paris last week, Mr. Shultz admitted this was a "doggone difficult subject" because of intricacies involving interest rates and possibly hidden subsidies. By giving the Western-dominated OECD a major role, Japan, Australia and some neutral countries will also be involved.

The U.S. believes NATO:should have an umbrella function in some way, but France insists that ultimately each member nation. must decide how it will act. "We: do not believe in the need for a general coordinating mechanism, a French spokesman said. Mr. Shultz said the Western nations were going into the studies in good faith, but noted campossly that "no one can be sure where we

come out."



concerned parties in the Middle East conflict should be projected in a way that guarantees timely advancement towards the long-awaited peace.

Needless to say, the U.S. role will be mainly concentrated on removing obstacles created by Israel in the path to peace. The very Israeli rejection of the Reagan initiative and all other peace proposals, the intensified settlement programme carried out by Israel in the occupied Arab territories, and the Israeli insistence in laying down pre-conditions on the outcome of peace efforts or talks as to comply with its supposition that gives the Palestinians some self-rule under Israeli sovereignty, all need to be

duly tackled by the U.S. administration. The Arnb stand regarding the Reagan initiative is a positive one, and it is only for some unclear points that need to be clarified that a complete approval of the initiative is to be reached. The development of a positive aspect in the U.S. proposals to secure Palestinian rights will certainly render it possible to proceed to practical steps, provided the Israeli side is made to agree to peace prerequisites.

efforts awaits unveiling Al Dustour: A new stage of peace

East, to declare its readiness to make sufficient efforts, and exert enough pressure on Israel to abide by international will, and give up aggressive and unti-peace policies.

Washington is now, after Arab acknowledgement of all positive aspects in the Reagan initiative, called upon to clarify all the unclear aspects of its peace proposals, taking into account the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people. On the other hand the Israeli rejectionist attitude towards the Reagan initiative in particular, and peace efforts in general, is to be properly dealt with by the U.S. administration, U.S. responsibility as world leading power, and the universally-acknowledged right of peoples to self-determination, which the U.S. certainly honours, should be simultaneously applied to the Palestinian issue. Such a right can in

no way be exclusively recognised.

No family or diplomatic visits

6,000 are still held at Ansar camp

18 to over 40.

By Phil Davison

ANSAR, Lebanon - On a rocky. windswept hill above this southern

and British Prime Minister Mar-

Relations between Britain and

its former colony, never very

warm, have suffered in the ten-

sions of the Northern Ireland con-

flict. Mr. Hnughey bad accused Mrs. Thatcher of intransigence

over Republican hunger strikers

in Northern Ireland prisons. Alt-

garet Thatcher.

Lebanese village, the Israeli army is holding 6,000 men, mostly Palestinians, in a prison camp surrounded by barbed wire and

> Israeli soldiers in the camp. known as Ansar, watch the prisoners from wooden watchtowers, scanning the 200 olive tents at night with floodlights. The prisoners were picked up as suspected Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) fighters or sympatbisers after the Israeli invaded Lebanon in June. Most of the detainees have been in the camp ncarly six months but some were arrested later, after various attacks on the occupying Israeli army in

the last few months. Those released include more than 600 foreigners from 31 countries, mostly Arabs and Africans. But about 100 foreigners are still held, according to diplomatic sources. The prisoners are not allowed family or diplomatic visits but Swiss delegates from the Intemational Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) call at the camp five days a week, delivering letters to and from the detainees.

The letters must first go through Israeli military censors in Tel Aviv, a process which takes several weeks. As always, the all-Swiss ICRC declines all comment on the conditions in the camp. But diplomatic sources said International Red Cross men were concerned about the effects of the coming winter.

Hassan Ali, a 28-year-old Lebanese leftist released from Ansar this week after nearly six months' detention, told Routers the Israelis had recently provided wooden floors for the tents, each of which house between 25 and 30 men. But the diplomatic sourcessaid the chilly winter winds on the hilton and torrential rains likely to set in soon could cause serious health problems for some of the prisoners, who range in age from

nkets, as well as rubber beds, and as or fuel heaters had recently been provided for each tent. The detainees received hot meals, usually meat and beans with rice, and were sometimes given raw food to cook themselves on burners in the big military tents, he said. Prisoners killed

Hassan Ali said the prisoners

He said be did not know why an Israeli soldier killed two detainees earlier this month, an incident announced by the Israelis in Tel Aviv at the time and described by them as an accident.

"It could have been an accident or maybe the soldier was drunk. We heard several sbots. There bad been no disturbances before that but we refused food for two days in protest," Hassan Ali said.

The prisoners' committee is still investigating. A senior aide to Israeli Defence Minister Ariel Sharon was in the camp at the time. Afterwards, he apologised and said the Israelis did not want to kill any prisoners. The soldier who fired was taken away," be

Israeli tanks and armoured cars are strategically placed outside the camp's barbed wire perimeter and local villagers say they believe the Israelis have laid minefields in the area to discourage would-be escapers. The Israelis have blocked most roads in the area, including the main road from the Mediterranean coast to the commercial centre of Nabatiye, to prevent people from even glimpsing the detention camp.

As a result, local Lebanese complain that their lives have been disrupted. Abed, a 40year-old post office worker from Ansar, used to drive to work in Nabatiye in 10 minutes. Because the Israelis have cut the road, he

had enough warm clothes and blantains which takes him several hours. Western diplomats in Beirut said they had no idea how many of the Ansar detainees may have been PLO fighters or sympathisers but believed all the detainees would be freed whenever the Israelis withdrew from Leb-The prisoners must also be

goes to work only once a week.

using a dirt road over the mou-

given the chance to be freed outside Lebanon if they are afraid to remain in this country," one diplomat said. He cited the case of a Palestinian who was freed from Ansar on Oct. 7 after being beld by the Israelis since June.

He got to Beirut on Oct. 8 and was picked up by the Lebanese army in a sweep of possible PLO sympathisers.", the diplomat said. "He is still being held in Badaro prison in Beirul.

Fortified positions

U.S. Middle East peace envoy Philip Habib is trying to get talks under way on an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon, to be matched by a pull-out of Syrian troops and PLO fighters from north and east Lebanon.

But the Israelis are fortifying their positions in southern Lebanon daily and appear to be digging in rather than preparing to leave. Abed, the post office worker from Ansar, said: "They (the Israelis) are setting up new positions every day. Most people around here expect them to stay between five and 10 years." He said the Israelis were using an airstrip outside Ansar, built by the PLO. for transport planes but not figbters.

Israeli fighter planes, apparently on reconnaissance or training missions, screamed over. Ansar several times while this correspondent was there.

New era in Anglo-Irish relations? Times newspaper cautioned in an editorial that this should not be By Calin McIntyre will have the delicate task of preinst 70 won by Fine Gael and 16 paring the ground for an early exaggerated. meeting between Dr. FitzGerald

DUBLIN - Prospects of a new era in Anglo-Irish relations and an effective cure for a seriously ailing economy lie with the Irish Republic's new government, the fourth in 18 months, which was sworn in this week. With a majority of six in the

Inn-seat Dail (parliament) the revived coalition between Dr. Garret FitzGerald's Fine Gael and the Labour Party should have enough votes to push through unpopular austerity measures to stop the economic slide. With 15 per cent inflation, 13

per cent unemployment and foreign debts of \$10 billion, higher per capita than both Poland and Mexico, the economy is sure to be the top priority. But Dr. Fitz-Gerald, an idealistic intellectual with a vision of reuniting Ireland. has made it clear that he also wants early talks with London on the future of British-ruled Northern Ireland, where more than 2.300 people have been killed in 13 years of sectarian violence.

Dr. FitzGerald has also said he hopes to intprove relations between London and Dublin, which slumped over the Irish refusal to take economic sanctions against Argentina during the Falkland Islands war, among other reasons.

The new premier is regarded in London as a more amenable pars on the Irish question man rus predecessor. Charles

Haughey, although the London

Dr. FitzGerald, 56, who headed

a minority government with Labour for seven months last year... returned to power after the Labour Party accepted a common programme he worked out with its youthful leader, former rugby intemational Dick Spring.

As the price of its cooperation with Fine Gaet, a conservative, nationalist party that has traditionally appealed to large farmers and small businessmen, Labour has won concessions on spending cuts and the promise of a property tax on the wealthy.

The tax of 1.5 per cent on any property valued over \$90,000 and incomes over \$27,000 was less than Labour had demanded but the party regarded it as a step in the right direction, expected to raise some \$20 million in extra

Labour also succeeded in softening Fine Gael's tough line on reducing the government's dayto-day spending deficit, currently standing at around \$1.4 billion, arguing successfully for a scheme spread over five years, rather than four as planned.

The 26-page agreement also crivisages an employment task force and a national development corporation with capital of \$375 million and borrowing limits of

\$680 million to help create jobs. The coalition was forged after a general election last month in which the ruling Fianna Fail Party

Ousted Prime Minister Haughey, a self-made millionaire, has since pounced on Labour's efforts to temper government cuts and predicted that the new coalition would rain the country.

Dr. FitzGerald hopes to improve relations between London and Dublin, which slumped over the Irish refusal to take economic sanctions against Argentina during Falkland Islands war, among other reasons.

The Irish Republic has been borrowing heavily -- even under Mr. Haughey, his opponents assert -- for day-to-day spending, pushing government and public agency foreign debt to nearly \$10

Foreign exchange reserves are expected to be around \$2.5 billion by the end of the year, enough to pay for 3.4 months of imports. While this figure is low, it is not as low as in some other European countries.

New Forcign Minister Peter Barry, 54, a wealt by tea importer, itical football

hough the Dublin government pursues Irish Republican guerrillas with draconian taws, they planted two bombs in London in June, killing 11 soldiers. Dr. FitzGerald, whose parents were involved in Ireland's independence struggle, is known to

believe that his country should

make itself more palatable for the

Protestant majority in Northern

Ireland by ridding the constitution

of sectarian overtones.

consensus in the south.

Dublin lays a constitutional claim to Northern Ireland, a constant provocation to the Protestants in the British province. Mr. Spring, 32, who finds himself deputy prime minister only 18 months after entering politics. shares Dr. FitzGerald's commitment to doing something about the north and has offered his good offices to produce an all-party

He said last weekend that it was time to get away from a historybook mentality and urged his fellow Irish politicians to stop using the north as what he called a pol-

Mt. Nebo combines church and museum

By Rami G. Khouri Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Some twenty years after restoration work began at the church on Mount Nebo, the team of Franciscan fathers working at the site has completed its initial restoration of the ancient basilica and its rich, multi-layered mosaics. The Franciscans, under the direction of Father Michele Piccirillo, have also pieced 10g-

since at least the 4th century A.D.

today enter the restorated late 6th century church, with its typical three-aisled layout and altar area. But remains of the earlier church can also be appreciated, as can a series of floor and wall mosaics dating from the 4th through the 7th centuries.

In restoring the basilica, Fr. Pic-



Fr. Piccirillo standing inside remains of a monk's cell



The church's north hall with beautiful 531 AD mosaic floor

ether the long history of the bas- cirillo says his team bas worked on ilica and its use as a religious site the basis that the building would be "half church and half mus-Visitors to the Mt. Nebo basilica eum", accessible to the visiting public but also maintained as a regularly used church.

The Franciscans first became involved with Mt. Nebo in 1932. when Father Hieronymus Mihaic, who was in charge of the Jericho monastery, recognised the heap of stones atop Mount Nebo as an ancient religious site and acquired the land there from the local bedouins. The Franciscans had been associated with the Holy Land since 1220 A.D., and since 1342, upon the designation of the Pope, they have been official guardians of the Catholic boly places in Palestine.

Father Sylvester Saller, an American, directed the first dig at Mt. Nebo in 1933-37; but the advent of World War II brought work to a halt as the area became a military zone. The results of the first three seasons were published in 1941 by the Franciscan Biblical Institute in Jerusalem, which had been established in Jerusalem since 1923.

Work resumed on the site in 1963, concentrating on restoring and roofing the 6th century basilica that had been identified 30 years earlier by Fr. Saller. In 1967, another team of Franciscans began restoring the mosaics. under the direction of Father Virgilio Corbo, while also conducting further excavations to trace the full history of the site. Work stopped once again in 1970, because of the bazards of war, and was resumed in 1976, under the supervision of Fr. Piccirillo.

The intermittent excavations by the Franciscans during the past 50 years have now established firmly that the first major construction on the site was a 4th century cella trichora, probably a funeral building in earlier times that was converted into a small, three-apsed church in the 4th century. It covered the area of the present altar. and the facade of that first church was at the level of the second row of pillars from the altar in the existing church. To the south of the

the wall to the right of the altar. This would have been a small funeral chapel, matched by another one to the north of the altar. Both rooms were one metre below the level of the main church, because of the construction of the church complex along the slope of the mountain. An open courtyard to the west of the earlier church existed in what is now the interior of the roofed 6th century church. Pilgrims' accounts and literary sources confirm the existence of the 4th century basilica; and there is sound speculation that it was built by Egyptian monks.

It is also clear that the site was used even earlier than the 4th century church, based on a find of six tombs below the level of the 4th century mosaic floors.

In 531 A.D., the complex was restored and expanded into a three-aisled church with a baptistry to the north that was entered via a courtyard.

In the late 6th century, after destruction by earthquake, the church complex was totally rebuilt and expanded. The sloping bill had been levelled by this time to allow a bigger church to be built all on the same level. A new baptistry and a chapel to the Virgin Mary were added -- the two rooms to the right as one enters the church today. This rebuilt late 6th century church, completed in 598 A.D., is essentially the building that one visits on Mt. Nebo today. The ancient 4th century church became the altar area of the 6th century church, with steps leading down into the main body of the church.

The small room to the east of the altar which had contained the 4th century mosaic cross became a memorial to Moses in the oth century. The long northern hall, which is to the left as you enter. was divided into two rooms. In the first room, nearer the door, was discovered the marvellously preserved, 5 x 5.5-metre mosaic floor panel full of 6th century Jordanian animals, bunters trees and men on horseback. To the north of the mosaic is the ancient baptismal basin, a cross-shaped stone str-4th century church was a room ucture with a channel to carry hot with a mosaic cross in the floor -- or cold water for the baptismal

the cross that is mounted today on nies. The Greek inscription at the bottom of the mosaic gives its date as 531 A.D., and another inscription in a separate panel names the mosaicists as Soelos, Kaiomos and Elias.

> The south hall, to the right as you enter the church, is also divided into two rooms. The one near the altar is the baptistry, which was rebuilt at the end of the 6th century. The room closer to the door is the Chapel of the Virgin Mary, the last major addition to the church complex which was built in the early days of the 7th

Fr. Piccirillo has kept the earliest, unrestored mosaics in place in the floor of the northern hall, and has hung later mosaics on the walls there. In the southern hall, he did the opposue -- keeping the latest mosaics in place in the floor of the baptistry and the Chapel of the Virgin Mary, and hanging the two earlier mosaic floors on the

The earliest mosaics in Jordan date from the 1st century A.D., and are found at Herod's Castle at Mashnaka-Mukawar. The castle was built in 90-100 B.C., but was redone by Herod the Grat in 30 B.C., with some 1st century mosaics having survived to this day. Thus the Mt. Neho and Madaba mosaics represent a later period of work. Mosaics were built throughout the Madaba region in the 3rd, 4th and 5th centuries, but reached their peak of artistry in the 6th and 7th centuries A.D. All mosaics that have survived to this day in Jordan are floor mosaics. Fr. Piccirillo said in a recent interview here. No wall mosaics have been found here, and the closest wall mosaics are to be seen at the St. Catherine's Monastery in the

The Mt. Nebo church ("Siyagba" in Arabic) was called by different names in the Byzantine era. including Naba or Nebo, Abarim, Phasga or Pisgah. It derives its holy aura from its reputation as the spot where Moses was buried, a claim that has yet to be proven. The spot was revered by Christians as early as the 4th century,



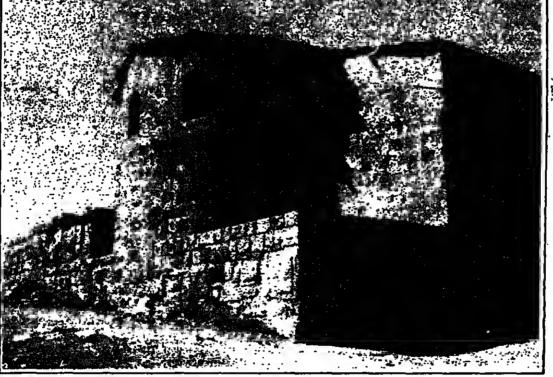
The north hall of Mt. Nebo church as it was when-excavations began in 1933

ounts of a pious and hardy Roman nun, Etberia, who made a pilgrimage to Mt. Nebo in 390 A.D. and wrote about her trip in her memoirs. It was she who recorded the fact that the 4th century church was inhabited by Egyptian monks, probably Copts.

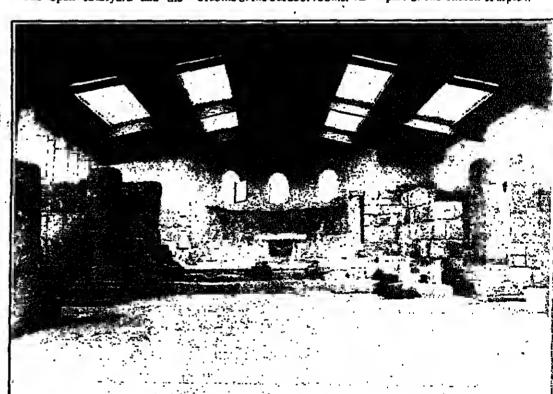
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next target of Fr. Piccirillo's endeavours to fully restore the Mt. Nebo complex. The jumble of stones in the courtyard would have been the rooms of the ancient lived, studied, are and performed of some of the outdoor rooms, vis-

however, as evidenced by the acc-steps west of the church are the itors can see remains of the monks' room-floors, done in a rougher, bigger, simpler style of mosaic than that used inside the basilica. New excavations are al a: underway outside the church, i.e. monasteries, where the monks- the south and east, to identify the entire area of the former mentheir daily chores. In the corners asteries that would have existed a ... part of the church complex.



Exterior view of the church's altar area shows three stages of construction



The altar area today; foreground is where facade of oldest church would have been

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 Le Malade Imaginare (3rd port) at 4:001 p.m., Sciences: De La Plume A L'Ordinateur (at 5:00) p.m.) and Tartuffe (at 6;IM p.m.).

Dance in America, Merce Cunningham And Oance Company II hour) at the American Centre at 3:30 p.m.

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Jordan. Jabal Al Qua'a (Citadel Hill).
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Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists
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collection of paintings by 19th Century
orientalists artists. Muntazah. Jabal
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Errol Christie — a combination | English F. A. calls off of Muhammad Ali, Fred Astaire

LONDON (R) - "Marvellous" him of the showman about Chr- last three rounds under Christie's Marvin Hagler, the undisputed world middleweight boxing champion, has probably never heard of Errol Christie... but he would be well advised to note the name.

Christie, 19, is Britain's latest with tassles, ring sensation and has already been hailed as the "New Randolph Turpin"--after two professional bouts totalling less than

Physically, Christie looks more like Sugar Ray Robinson, the man from whom Turpin took the middleweight title in July 1951 only to lose it in the return bout 64 days

In style, Christic resembles a miniature Muhammad Ali, with arms held arrogantly low, a decoptively lazy left lead and the dancing feet of Fred Astaire.

Christie, the son of a West Indian Lay Preacher, has not been beaten since he was 14--60 fights ago--and although the road to the top is precarious there is no dou-

bting his exciting potential.

istie. He enters the ring to the fierce harrage of hooks, upptheme music from Rocky III, "the eye of the tiger", elegantly attired in blue velvet dressing gown and shorts and matching suede boots

Few opponents survive long enough to step on his "hlue suede

He won nine amateur titles in Britain before his 18th hirthday and completed his apprenticeship hy winning the gold medal at the European Junior Championship in East Germany last May when he was named Boxer of the Tou-

Although the Miss World contest was screened live on British television the night Christie made his professional debut against Welshman Terry Matthews, over tiulli Coventry fight fans preferred the salty taste of ringside to the tinsel charms of the beauty

Perhaps the vasily experienced Matthews was in a rush to get back Like Ali, there is more than a to his TV screen, but he failed to

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ercuts, jahs and body blows.

Jimmy Ellis, Christie's second opponent did marginally hetter. outlasting Matthews by a few seconds before being stopped before the end of the third round in London last week.

Christie, who sports a diamond instead of a cauliflower in his left ear, has the confidence of youth inside and outside the ring.

He should be an easy target with his languid style hut he slips punches with nonchalance and both Ellis and Matthews were left pawing at thin air.

Christie shares the general view that he is destined for great things. "I think the professional game will suit me." he said. "You can pace yourself differently from three-round amateur fights.

"It's actually slower in the proranks and there is more time to think and plan your strategy. I like to mess people about, frustrate them and then move in for the

South A nerican tour

LONDON (R) - The English Football Association (F.A.) announced Tuesday England's 1983 tour to Brazil and Argentina had

We have been forced to cancel the proposed summer tour to South America as Brazil have withdrawn from their fixture against us on June 8," an F.A. statement said.

"We are informed by Brazil that this is because they are committed to a summer tour in Europe." The Argentina match on June 14 had always been in doubt since

the Falklands crisis earlier this year. A report in an English newspaper Tuesday said England were pulling out of the Buenos Aires fixture on British government advice

amid fears for the team's safety.

The newspaper quoted Argentine F.A. President Julio Grondona saying his government could not guarantee the England team's safety either in the stadium or in a hotel.

Alexander bundled out of South Australian Open

ADELAIDE (R) -Australian Davis Cup player John Alexander. winner of the New South-Wales Open title on Sunday, was hundled out of the South Australian Open Tennis Championship by 18year-old compatriot Peter Carter Tuesday.

Carter overcame a nervous start to beat the tournament's second seed 6-3, 6-7, 7-6 in a first round match. Afterwards he said: "I was very nervous hut got stuck in when I

realised I had nothing to lose." Alexander's shock defeat left the tournament without its top three

seeds. Americans Hank Pfister, the top seed, and Tim Wilkison. seeded three, were beaten in first round ties Monday.

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Salazar, de Castella to neet in Queensland

world's two fastest marathon runners, may meet in a \$100,000 showdown in Queensland next

De Castella, the Commonwealth Champion, said Tuesday a group of four Queensland husinessmen was organising the marathon. Prizes of \$30,000, \$15,000 and \$3,000 for the first three finishers would be on offer. his trainer Graeme Hannan said.

In addition there would be a

SYDNEY (R) — Alberto Salazar. \$50,000 bonus if Salazar's marthe Cuhan-horn American, and athon record of two hours eight Australia's Roh de Castella, the minutes 13 seconds for the 26 miles 385 yards (42.195 kilometres) distance was broken. De Castella has run to within five seconds of Salazar's time.

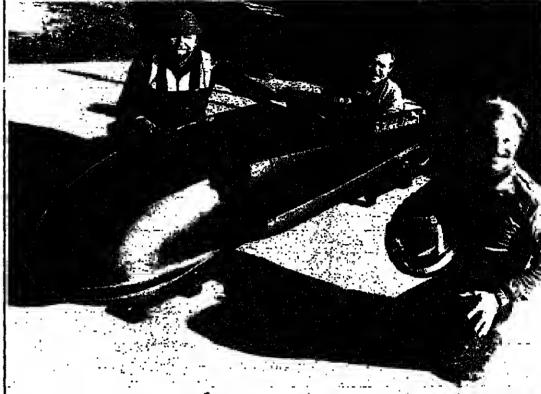
The International Management Group which handles the affairs of de Castella and Salazar said Tuesday it had finalised negotiations with the American network CBS for the race in April or May to be televised live to the United States.

The race must be given the approval of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF). through the Australian Amateur Athletic Union (AAAU), if the runners are not to jeopardise their amateur status.

So far neithter body has been approached but AAAU official Rick Pannell said: "As long as it ahides by international rules there is no reason it won't go ahead."

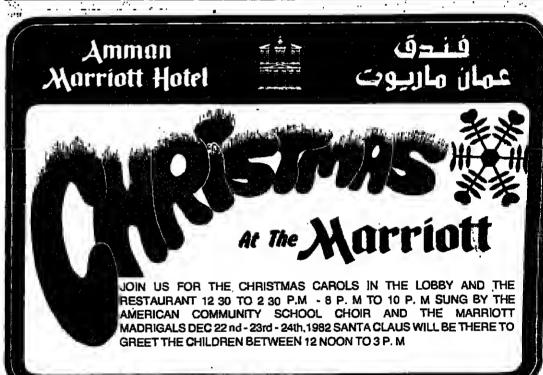
Although prize money cannot be paid directly to athletes under IAAF rules, the new system of trust funds allows them to receive financial benefits which are kept until they leave the sport.

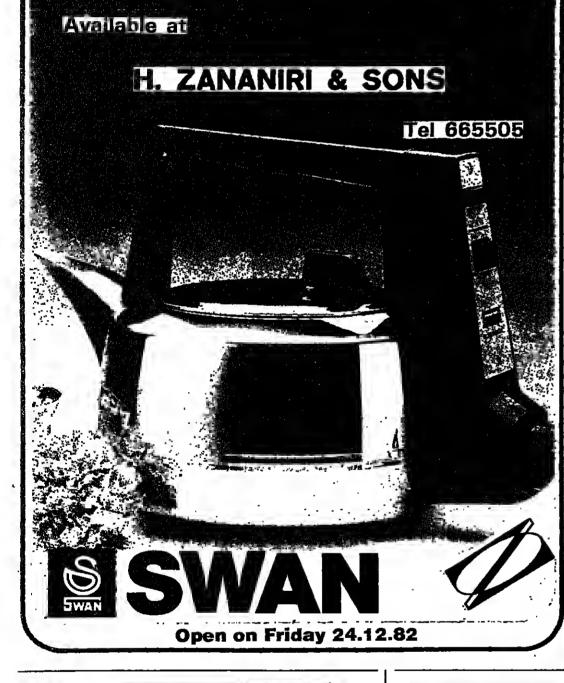
New aerodynamic bob sled passes wind tunnel trials



WINTERBERG (DaD) - Siegfried Rothe, 42, a former 400-metre runner from Dortmund, West Germany, has spent u year working with Max Planck research scientists Friedhelm Heicke and Dieter von Wulfen on a new aerodynamic bob sled. It is shaped like an aircraft cockpit and has

passed scale model wind tunnel trials with flying colours. On the 1.510-metre Winterberg run Rothe and brokeman Hansi Mutler are a full second faster than the field. They are competing internationally this season.





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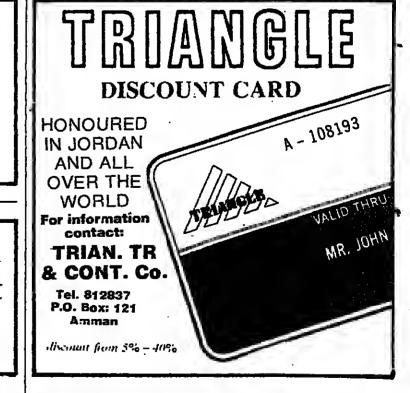
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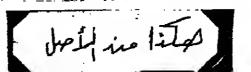
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Taiwan to relax banking regulations

sday it plans to relax hanking reg-ulations which prohibit Hong Kong residents from opening foreign currency accounts in Taiwan

Banking analysts said the nationalist Chinese authorities have been reviewing foreign exchange regulations following an increasing influx of Hong Kong capital in recent months due to fears about the British colony's future. Britain and China have opened

talks on the future status of Hong Kong, most of whose territory is due to revert to China in 1997 under a 19th century lease. A Taiwan cahinet statement, in

reply to questions in parliament. and financial authorities were drawing up measures to relax foreign exchange controls on potential customers from Hong These include allowing des-

enated banks to accept foreign currency deposits from both foreign nationals and Chinese in Hong Kong. Restrictions on transfers to and

from these accounts would be lif-

ted and no income tax charged on interest, the statement said. At present only residents and businessmen in Taiwan are allowed foreign currency accounts at designated foreign currency

banks, and these are strictly reg-Remittances ahroad have to be approved by banking suthorities kers.

TAIPEI (R) — Taiwan said Tue- and foreign depositors are not allowed to repatriate their money at any time.

There has been much discussion recently by officials and in the press about establishing Taiwan as an Asian finance centre by setting up a free trade zone and off-shore banking, and promoting its ports as transhipment centres in the Far

The cabinet said a revised banking policy would help Taiwan attract foreign exchange from Hong Kong, but did not say when this might start or whether it would be designed to attract capital investment from Hong Kong res-

But efforts have been stepped up to this end, with private missions visiting the colony to promote Hong Kong investment in Taiwan's property market and construction industry.

The government has also reported moderate success in a campaign to encourage shipping companies operating in Hong Kong to register with the nationalist government and fly its flag.

The cabinet statement, in reply to parliamentary questions, also mentioned plans to open the Tai-pei stock market to indirect foreign and overseas Chinese investments by setting up a stock investment trust company authorised to issue certificates to foreign beneficiaries through overseas bro-

Australia to start diamond production

PERTH, Australia (R) -- Commercial diamond production from what may be the world's higgest gem deposit in a remote part of northwest Australia is set to start next month, a spokesman for the mining company said Tuesday.

The go-ahead follows approval from the West Australian state government for an export sales agreement between the company, Argyle-Diamond Mines, and the South African De Beers Company, which allows De Beers to handle almost all of the mine's

De Beers, which already controls 80 per cent of the world diamond trade through its Central Selling Organisation (CSO), had argued that it was the only company with sufficient expertise to

market the mine's output. In return for gaining control of marketing and pricing. De Beers guarantees to huy a minimum

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amount from mines with which it has agreements.

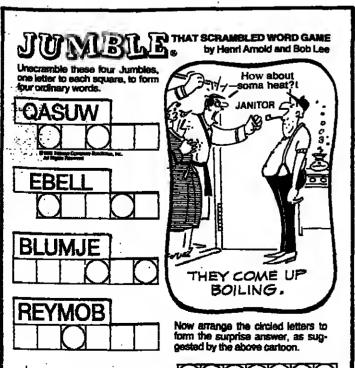
At the insistence of state and federal governments, Argyle will retain a small number of gems to be used to provide West Australia with a diamond cutting and polish

Nevertheless analysts said that the agreement would help the South African company con-solidate its hold on the world diamond trade at a time of depressed. demand.

The Argyle mine in the Kimberley region is about 640 kilometre southwest of the tropical city of Darwin and production is estimated at about five million carats a year in its first few years of million within five years.

By comparison, all of De Beers' South African mines produced a total 15 million carats in 1981.





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NEWS IN BRIEF

Japan complains to EEC

GENEVA (R) - Japan formally complained to the European Community Tuesday about French measures restricting imports of video tape recorders and asked for trade consultations. The complaint, lodged with the Community office in Geneva, said the French decision to route all video imports through the small customs post at Poitiers violated free trade rules of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the Japanese mission

S. Arabia, France to develop ties

BAHRAIN (R) - Saudi Arabian Finance Minister Mohammad Ahal Khail said after talks with French Finance Minister Jacques Delors Tuesday that the two countries' ties would develop in many fields but he made no reference to a possible loan agreement to defend the franc. In his statement to the Saudi Press Agency Tuesday Sheikh Mohammad said the two sides had ngreed to encourage the establishment of more joint companies in the private sector. More than 170 French firms now work in Saudi

Senate approves tax on petrol

WASHINGTON (R) — The Senate Tuesday approved a request hy President Reagan to impose a five-cents-a-gallon (0.75 cents a litre) tax on petrol to finance highway, bridge and mass-transit repair projects. A similar measure had previously been approved by the House of Representatives and a committee of the House and Senate is now expected to reconcile differences in the two bills and prepare a compromise for final passage later Tuesday. The hill is designed to create 320,000 jobs and hring in about \$5.5 hillion in its first year due to start on April 1.

Report unveils olive oil fraud

BRUSSELS (R) — Italian olive growers are receiving hundreds of millions of dollars in subsidies from the European Community for olive oil which does not exist, a report drawn up for the European Commission says. The report shows that the olive growers are claiming subsidies for almost twice as much oil as they actually produce. This is made possible because of the large number of olive growers - estimated at one million -- and the impossibility of gaming an accurate assessment of output from more than 10,000 olive pressing mills.

EEC to lure Denmark into accord

BRUSSELS (R) - European Community fisheries ministers this afternoon were preparing a Christmas present of North Sea mackerel which they hope will induce Denmark to approve an elusive common-fisheries-policy. Diplomatic-sources said the ministers were working on a package which would allow Denmark to catch lion's share of a 15,000-tonnes mackerel entitlement which the Community is seeking in waters controlled jointly with Norway and the Faroe islands. They said such a deal could compensate Denmark for rejection of its demands to catch 20,000 tonnes of mackerel in waters off West Scotland.

USSR turns down EEC butter

BRUSSELS (R) — The Soviet Union has turned down the chance to huy up to 25,000 tonnes of cheap butter from the European Community. No offers had been received from Moscow when a subsidised sale by tender for the hutter expired Monday night. The Kretnlin apparently felt that the level of subsidies expected from the European commission would not be attractive enough, official s said Tuesday. France, likely to be angered, is now expected to step up its pressure for hutter to be sold to Moscow under the normal subsidy system available to other countries, the off-

OPEC disagrees on output system

VIENNA (R) - The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has failed to agree on an oil production system to defend prices in the world glut but ministers who participated in its latest meeting say they believe an oil-price crash remains unlikely.

The OPEC ministers agreed Monday, after two days of bargaining, that the group's output should be restricted to 18.5 million barrels per day (b/d) next year -- hut they were unable to set individual output quotas.

Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani said of the outcome of the organisation's year-end meeting: "It is the best I can

OPEC has faced a grave crisis since a production sharing agrcement reached in March collapsed in July. Ministers were unable to agree on how to share out the shrunken, recession-hit oil market. At this weekend's Vienna meeting. Saudi Arabia was under strong pressure to cut its seven million barrel per day quota to accommodate Iran, an ideological antagonist.

Iranian Oil Minister Mohammad Gharazi said Monday that his country was producing almost three million b/d, compared with what conference sources said was a suggested quota of about 2.5 million

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, has complained that it is bearing the hurden of defending OPEC's oil price at \$34 a barrel while other exporters have undercut official prices and exceeded OPEC's mandated production quotas.

OPEC ministers said Monday that the chances of Saudi Arahia's cutting its price in the immediate future were small.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) - Government bonds rallied after a nervous opening but equities were slightly easier in very quiet trading. dealers said. The F.T. index at 1500 Tuesday was down 2.4 at

Firm domestic money market rates caused an initial markdown in bonds hut, as on Monday there were few sellers and prices quickly rallied. Longs eventually closed as much as 34 point higher, boosted by the Bank of England's action in holding its bill

rates unchanged again Tuesday.
In equities, oils were still unsettled by the failure of OPEC to fix individual production quotas, Shell, B.P., Tricentrol and Ultramar fell 4p to 6p and Britoil lost 5p to 65, part paid.

Anderson Strathelyde was unchanged on balance at 176 on news the trade department had overruled the monopolies commission and was allowing the Charter Consolidated bid to proceed. Charter Cons will decide on its next move in the new year.

Scottish and Newcastle was down 4p at 78 after interim results but other leading breweries were steady. Grand Met rising another 2p to 320 after annual figures Monday.

Banks, weak on the profits outlook Monday, were steadier with Lloyds and Barclays both recouping 2p. Properties were higher but leaders were mostly easier. ICl losing 2p to 344 and Glaxo falling 10p to 1,273.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) - Following are the huving and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

One sterling		1.6118/28
One U.S. dollar		1.2360/64
		2,4055/75
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		6.8050/8125
		1388.00/1389.00
		242.65/85
		7.3465/95

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One ounce of gold 441.25/442.25

U.S. dollars Canadian dollars West German marks Dutch guilders Swiss francs Belgian francs French francs

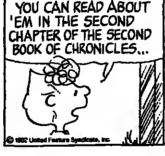
Italian lire Japanese yen Swedish crowns Danish crowns

Norwegian crowns U.S. dollars

Peanuts









Mutt 'n' Jeff







Andy Capp









FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22, 1982

TOPOSCODE from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day when you would be wise to develop your talents in career activities. Make sure you let others know you value the essociation. Be alert to the deception of outsiders.

ARIES (Msr. 21 to Apr. 191 Show more affection for the one you loved and express happiness. Study a new plan that could be profitable in the future. TAURUS IApr. 20 to May 201 Showing more devotion

to family members can bring more harmony in the home. Consult an expert for advice you needy. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Be sure to handle any

communications in a most intelligent way and be elect to any dangers. Make sure your doors ere locked. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Keep on the safe side of life by obeying rules that apoly to you. Make

the evening s happy one. LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Make long-range plens for the future. Don't let a slip of the tongue upset you at this

time. Take a little time for fun in the evening. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Make the plans that will help you become more successful in the future. Take 1.5

chances with your reputation. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You now understand what associates expect of you, so do your best to please. Take

health treatment and he more dynamic. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Know what your true position is with higher-ups and get more support from

them. Show that you have ability. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 211 Looking into new outlets ia fine now since they could prove profitable for

you. Make needed improvements in the home. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jsn. 20) Contact husiness enpert for advice you need. You can be happy from a roman-

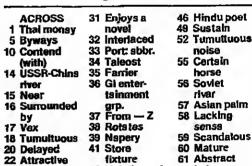
tic atandpoint later in the day. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Know what your true position is with associates who are important in your scheme of life. Express kindness.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Much cen be accomplished if you get an early start today. Take time to improve yourhealth via the right treatments.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will most understanding of public matters and could be instrumental in bettering them. The romantic side of life is important in this chart and a fine family life is in store. Give good ethical training.

'The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

THE Daily Crossword by Evelyn Beash



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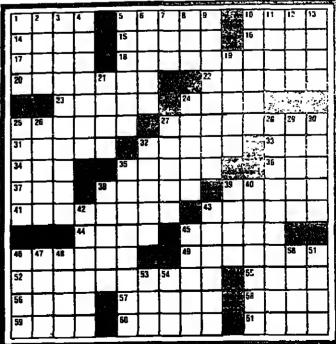
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WORLD

Andropov admits problems in issue of nationalities in Soviet Union

MOSCOW (R) - Soviet party leader Yuri Andropov said Tuesday that the issue of nationalities in the Soviet Union had been resolved, but also conceded that national feelings still caused problems for

In a one-hour Kremlin speecb marking the 60th anniversary of the formation of the Soviet Union, Mr. Andropov made an unusual appeal for Russians to be more tactful in dealing with Soviet min-

He repeated the official view that the 100 or so different peoples of the Soviet Union enjoyed full and equal rights and he quoted Leninist doctrine that the end goal was not just to bring nations closer together "but to fuse them".

But while he placed the accent on unity of Soviet peoples he obliquely criticised his Russian kinsmen for heavy-handedness which, he suggested, injured ethnic sensibilities among minorities and heightened national tensions.

"It is important... to remember that the natural pride one takes... should not degenerate into national arrogance or conceit, that it should not gravitate towards exclusiveness and disrespect for other nations and nationalities." Mr. Andropov said.

"Yet such negative phenomena still occur." be said.

The 68-year-old Soviet party leader appeared to be directing criticism at official disregard for non-Russian traditions and customs in the 14 Soviet republics outside the Russian federation and suggesting this was injuring ethnic barmony in the country. Western diplomats see general clumsiness by the Russians as well as historic animosity as a contributing factor to high anti-Russian feeling in, for example, the Soviet Baltic states of Estonia, Lithuania

"They are sometimes fostered by the mistakes we make in our

work. Here, comrades, nothing can be dismissed as insignificant."

There have been more clear-cut examples elsewhere. In 1978 there was an official attempt to drop the Georgian language as the

national language of Georgia in favour of Russian. The proposal led to street demonstrations in Georgia and the idea

was scrapped. Mr. Andropov also appeared to question the practice of placing Russians in the upper echelons of leading bodies throughout the country--another factor, which, non-Russian officials privately admit, increases local animosities.

Great tact, he added pointedly, was required in selecting officials

Bonn plans to pay foreign unemployed to go home

GOREN BRIDGE

BONN (R) — The West German government has drawn up a plan under which unemployed foreign workers who voluntarily return home over the next two years. would each be paid 9,000 marks (\$3,700). informed government sources said Tuesday

The scheme would apply to any foreign workers losing a job because of factory closures or bankruptcies, or who had been working short-time for at least six months.

Children legally resident in West Germany since July 1981 would each receive 1,500 marks (\$620) to go home, the sources

They said the repatriation scheme, which would run from the beginning of next year to the end of 1984, would cost the government an estimated 1.2 billion marks (\$500 million), assuming that 40,000 foreigners returned

The conservative Bonn government has expressed concern that with the number of unemployed over two million, and still rising, the presence of 4.6 million foreigners in the country, inc-

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Q.I-Both vulnerable, as-

♦Q93 ♥109 ♦AQ842 ♣KJ3

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♥ Pass 2 ♦ Pass

2 Pasa 2 NT Pass

A.-Partner has told you

that he does not like no

trump particularly, probably

because be has 6-4 distribu-

tion in hearts and clubs. To

persist with no trump on a

shaky spade stopper in light

of that information would be

foolhardy. We suggest that

you give partner a little

breathing room by simply

returning to three bearts. If

he has a sound opening bid,.

Q.2-As South, vulnerable,

\$5 ♥ AQ1095 ♦ KQJ5 + AQ7

A. - Since it seems that few,

if any, of partner's values are

in apades, your hand looks

very slammish. However,.

there is no need yet for

drastic action. Be content

with a bid of three diamonds

to continue the description of

your hand. Since partner

made a free reaponse at the

two-level and you are now in-

troducing a new suit at the

three-level, this auction must

be forcing. You can show

0.3-Neither vulnerable, as

◆A10985 ♥ A7642 ♦7 **◆83**

Pass 3 ♥ Pass

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♦ Pass 1 ♦ Pass

your club aupport later.

South you hold:

The bidding bas proceeded:

South West North East

What do you bid now?

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Scuth you bold:

3 4 Pass ?

he will go on.

you bold:

luding 2.6 million workers, could be socially disruptive.

Turks and Portuguese

The sources said that under the plan drawn up by Labour Minister Norbert Bluem, Turkish and Portuguese workers who returned bome would be repaid their pensinn contributions in full after six months. This procedure normally takes two years.

The estimated 1.6 million Turks are by far the largest single foreign community in West Germany, followed by the Portuguese. The Bluem plan was to have

been taken up by the cabinet at its last 1982 sitting Tuesday. But because of the absence of Finance Minister Gerhard Sto-

itenberg, who would have to approve the cost, discussion has been postponed until the next cabinet sessinn scheduled for Jan. 12, the sources said.

The total cost of 1.2 billion marks would include about 750 million marks (\$300 million) lost by the government through early repayment of pension con-tributions, they added.

have more than a doubleton

in either major. We would

opt for a quiet raise to five

clubs, and play in what we

know to be at least a 5-2 fit.

you bold:

Later explosions kill many more in Caracas

CARACAS (R) - Firemen fought during the night to control a fire which is feared to have killed at least 100 people and injured several hundred after two big explosions on Sunday at a power station northeast of Caracas.

Fire-fighting units were using special chemical foam on the fire, and police and civil defence officials said the deathtoll so far was 9g. Some 50 of these are thought to be firemen who were working to control the blaze at the Tacoa station when the second explosinn took place.

Electricity and water supplies in the Venezuelan capital bave been rationed and the city was partially blacked out Monday affecting traffic and hundreds of offices.

Caraças residents have been urged to reduce energy consumption to a minimum in order to maintain basic services, although sources in the electricity industry said the shutdown of the plant could seriously affect supplies to the capital for some time.

No official estimate has yet been made on the damage caused by the explosions but the loss of fuel alone from the blast has been the second blast occurred.

The loss of power from Tacoa is being partially made up by supplies from the other state power companies Cadafe and Edelca, but Cadafe President Hector Martinez said this is limited by present transmissinn capacity.

President Luis Herrera Campins declared national mourning for victims of the tragedy, the worst of its kind in Venezuelan history. The 40-year-old Tacoa plant, which is operated by the private La Electricidad de Caracas Company, had just been exp-anded with the addition of three 400,000 kilowatt units. The majority of the 98 bodies so far recovered were firemen and employees of the plant, though it is feared a number of residents of the area also died. The plant is overlooked by hundreds of flimsily-built slum dwellings on the hillsides above, which were in the path of the flames.

Among the dead were nine Venezuelan journalists and cameramen who were covering the impact of the first explosion when

S. African union leader's death ruled as suicide

trade union leader Neil Aggett. who died earlier this year in detention, bad committed suicide and no one could be beld criminally responsible for his death.

His death was not brought

about by any act or admission inv-

olving or amounting to an offence

by any other persons," Mr. Kotze

Food and Canning Workers' Union leader Jan Theron, the

head of the mainly black trade

union to which Dr. Aggett bel-

onged, commented to reporters

immediately afterwards: "It's a

told a packed courtroom.

Magistrate Petrus Kotze was Q.4-As South, vulnerable, giving judgment in the inquest on Dr. Aggett, the first white man to **♦KJ7** ♥J872 ♦KJ852 .**♦**6 die in police detention in Soutb The bidding has proceeded: Africa. He was found hanged in South West North East his cell in Jobannesburg's John Pass 1 ← Dble Pass 2 ♥ Pass 3 ← Pass Vorster Square police headquarters on Feb. 5. Police said he committed sui-

Aggett's family.

What action do you take? A.-Since partner bas sbown a good hand by first doubling and then introducing his own suit at the three-level, you surely want to be in game, despite the fact that you bave no fit for clubs. In view of your positional stoppers in spades, the obvious choice is three no trump.

Q.5 As South, vulnerable. you bold: ♦5 ♥A109752 ♦Q76 ♦954 The bidding has proceeded: West North East South 1 4 Dble Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.-Despite the fact that you have only six points in high cards, you have a very good band aftar partner's takeout double. You have a good aix-card suit, a singleton in the opener'a suit and a working queen. We suggest that you jump to three bearts. That is not foreing, but it is highly invitational. A bid of two hearts simply doesn't do your band

Q.6-East-West vulnerable, as South you bold: **♦AKJ4** ♥AQ1063 ♦8 **♦**752 The bidding has proceeded: West North East South 1 ◊ 2 ♦ 2 ◊ ?, What do you bid now?

A.-You want to be in game - it's only a question of which suit. The first thing todo is to make partner aware. of your intentions. Do this by cue-bidding three diamonds.' That does not guarantee first-round control of the suit you cue-bid. It simply establishes a game-forcing auction and allows the partnersbip to explore all. possibilities.

JOHANNESBURG (R) - A disgrace and an outrage as far as magistrate ruled Tuesday that the union is concerned.

The inquest, which focused international interest on South African police methods of detention and interrogation, began on The court heard 52 witnesses

and sat for a total of 43 days, the longest and costliest inquest in South Africa's history. The central issue was wbether

or not Dr. Aggett was driven by illtreatment to take his own life, as alleged by George Bizos, the chief lawyer representing the Aggett cide. This was disputed by Dr.

Lawyers for the family accused security police Maj. Artbur Cro-nwright and Lt. Steven Whitehead of baving caused Dr. Aggett to hang himself. The lawyers did not contest that Dr. Aggett had committed suicide.

Mr. Kotze exonerated the police from any charges of mistreating the trade union leader as had been alleged by witnesses throughout the inquest.

Ghana to put 5 on trial

ACCRA (R) — A former member of Ghana's ruling council and four other men are to appear in the high court next month in connection with the murder last July of three judges and a retired army major, the Ghana news agency reported Monday night.

Actorney-General George Aikins said they will face charges of murder and conspiracy to commit murder following the interim rep-ort of a special investigation

The report indicated that Joachim Amartey Kwei, a former member of the Provisional National Defence Council (PNDC), had urged two lance-corporal and two former soldiers to kill the judges, Mr. Aikins said. All five are in custody.

Higb court judges Cecilia Koranteng-Addow, Fred Sarkodie and K. Agyepong, and retired Maj. Sam Acquah were taken from their homes by armed men in uniform on the night of June 30.

The judges had all given verdicts which were attacked as reactionary by some radical groups and Maj. Acquah bad been involved in a long-running labour dispute while personnel manager of the Gbana Industrial Holding Corporation (GIHOC).

Guatemala qualifies offer to publish leftist paper

temalan government has qualified its offer to have a leftist manifesto read publicly in order to obtain the release of the kidnapped daughter of Honduran President Roberto Suazo Cordova.

Last Friday the government gave Dr. Suazo's family a free hand to obtain his daughter's freedom, including publication of the manifesto and a reading of it on Guatemalan television.

But Monday a government spokesman said official authorisation of the reading depended on the content of the manifesto, so far

Meanwhile, the guerrillas who seized 32-year-old Dr. Xiomara Suazo continued to ignore family appeals for proof that she was still The kidnap victim's relatives

made the appeal last Friday to the abduetors to send proof that she was alive and well before they could take steps to meet her captors' demands. The gunmen who seized Dr.

Suazo last Tuesday in the capital demanded the publication of the leftist guerrilla manifesto as the condition for ber release.

Juana Rosa Sandoval and Luisa Perez Rivera, Dr. Suazo's aunts, asked the guerrillas to send them the manifesto so they could pub-

GUATEMALA (R) - The Gua- lish it along with proof she was still

So far there has been no reaction to their appeal and they are very worried, family spokesman

But the spokesman reiterated the government's position to "support all the efforts of the family to free the captive."

Publication of leftist guerrilla documents is prohibited in Guatemala under a state of emergency imposed last July by President Efrain Rios Montt to help battle leftist insurgency in the country.

Despite the government's announcement Monday, most observers in Guatemala City feel the government will allow the manifesto's publication so that the Honduran woman, who has lived in Guatemala for most of her life. can be freed.

Earlier this year, the government relaxed the law banning publication of guerrilla documents after the son of Interior Minister Ricardo Mendez Ruiz was kidnapped and his abductors made similar demands.

President Rios Montt, who took power in a bloodless coup in March, refused to negotiate with leftist guerrillas who kidnapped his own nephew in October. The nephew was later freed in a raid on a house in Guatemala City.

to join Citroen dispute Paris refuses

PARIS (R) - The French government has refused to intervene in industrial strife among Communist and Muslim immigrant workers at Citroen car plants and bas told company hosses to solve the problem themselves.

Labour Minister Jean Auroux in a weekend statement blamed managerial incompetence for months of disruption at factories including the ultra-modero Aulnay plant in Paris.

Citroen has threatened to close the Aulnay plant, where 4,500 of the 6,000 workers are immigrants and militant members of the Communist-led CGT trade union

The CGT denies that its officials are fomenting trouble in order to force the government to nat-

Rubinstein

dies at 95

lion this year. Many of the immigrant workers

at Aulney are North African and Turkish Muslims, according to industry sources, whom the CGT finds harder to discipline than its French members.

Problems are compounded by differences between supporters and opponents of Iranian religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

Shop floor militancy bas been spurred by government reforms giving immigrant workers greater security. A CGT official said: Consciously or not, they are making the bosses pay for years of racist attitudes." Management and uninn off-

icials blame each other for constant stoppages in production, which have cost Citroen \$140 milWorkers complain parts do not

arrive on time while managers accuse workers of taking illegal breaks and staging petty disputes. The Aulnay plant has never recovered from a 40-day strike which closed five Citroen factories

last spring and from big advances made by the CGT in union elections at Citroen in June. Union power was previously held by the Confederation of Free

Unions (CSL), strong on dis-cipline and considered friendly to management. Company sources accused the

CGT since of deliberately setting ont to smasb the authority of assembly line managers and foremen, who had been abused and ass-

Bulgarian connection gives

GENEVA (R) - Polish-born pianist Artur Rubinstein, one of this century's greatest interpreters of classical music, has died in Geneva after a short illness. He

The virtuoso, best known for Mr. Lagorio was responding to his brilliant renditions of the work of fellow Pole Frederic Chopin, died at his home Monday night, a friend told Reuters. "He was a little weak, and then

be got an infection and simply wasn't able to fight it," the friend. Annabelle Whitestone, said. Rubinstein bad maintained his

zest for life despite advancing age and almost total blindness in recent years. Rubinstein was boro in the Pol-

ish industrial city of Lodz on Jan. 28, 1887, to a family that knew little about music. But his parents soon recognised

their son's talent and he went on to master keyboard music from Bach to modern Russian composers such as Igor Stravinsky.

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Italy dozens of theories ROME (R) — Italian Defence ommended the expulsion of 31

that an attempt on Pope John Paul's life last year might have been planned as an alteroative solution to an invasion of bis native Poland.

questions in parliament about alleged Bulgarian involvement in the attack, for which Turkish gunman Mebmet Ali Agca is serving a life "Ali Agca's attack on the Pope

is to be considered as a real act of war in a time of peace, a precautionary and alternative sol-ution to the invasion of Poland," he said.

"This merits the most deep concern about the Bulgarian connection and the international tensions it can cause," Mr. Lagorio sultations.

Italian counter-espionage believed from the start that the shooting of the Pope was an international plot, he said.

subversion and the intelligence services had presented him with dossiers documenting Eastern European involvement with tcrrorism, arms dealing and drug tra-

Since 1980, they bad rec- said.

Minister Lelio Lagorio has said foreign diplomats, two thirds of Itabilise the government. Col. Balthem Libyan and the rest from Eastern Europe.

Bulgaria Monday formally invited Ilario Martella, the magistrate leading inquiries into the sbooting of the Pope, to go to Sofia and meet anybody that might help his investigation, official sources said. Mr. Martella is known to be

seeking two Bulgarians who worked at the embassy here before returning to Sofia this year. They are Todor Ayvanov, a cashier, and Zhelvo Vassilev, who dealt with military affairs. The defence minister said Agea

had been repeatedly questioned in his prison cell and the head of the Italian counter-espionage service had travelled to Turkey for con-

Mr. Lagorio said counterespinnage men bad monitored a noticeable increase in radio cypther traffic between Bulgaria and Italy both at the time of the papal The minister said the counter-shooting and during the kid-espinnage service bad been ord-ered to investigate foreign-backed ier by Rcd Brigades guerrillas.

This... was interpreted as a result of inactive Bulgarian agents in Italy being activated. A noticeable increase in this traffic was also monitored on the day Gen. Dozier was freed," the minister

Ex-CIA agent draws heavy prison term for arms smuggling

ALEXANDRIA, Virginia (R) — Former CIA agent Edwin Wilson Monday was sentenced to 15 years in prison and fined \$200,000 for smuggling weapons to Libyan officials in 1979.

Wilson, 54, was convicted on Nov. 17 by a federal jury of smuggling four pistols and an M-16 rifle to Libyan agents in violation of the U.S. Arms Control Export Act, which bars the shipment of arms overseas without a government licence. Wilson faces two more trials in

Washington and one in Houston, Texas, on a series of charges in connection with activities involving Libya after he left the CIA.

The charges paint a portrait of a renegade former intelligence agent who recruited other agents under the fiction he was working for the U.S. government and sold his services to Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi. Lu Washington, he faces trial on

charges that he conspired with Francis Terpil, another former CIA agent, to murder an opponent of Col. Qadhafi. In Houston, Wilson will be tried

on charges of illegally exporting 20 tons of plastic explosives from the United States to Libya. Terpil, who was indicted along

with Wilson, is still at large and reported to be living in Lebanon. During his November trial, Wilson's lawyers claimed that he was providing vital data on Soviet military equipment and Libyan int-

elligence to American officials. They said Wilson's activities in Libya had the tacit approval of the

Wilson also will be tried in Washington next month on charges that he failed to register with Libyan government and that he. shipped explosives to Libya for

NEWS IN BRIEF

'N.Korea supplies arms to Tehran'

NEW YORK (R) - North Korea has become the leading supplier of arms to Iran in its protracted Gulf War with Iraq, the New York Times reported. It quoted Francis J. West, assistant secretary of defence for international security affairs, as saying in an interview that Iran had paid Nnrth Korea partly in cash and partly in oil. The Times said that military analysts, giving details at Mr. West's request. estimated that North Korea provided about 40 per cent of approximately \$2 billion-worth of weapons, ammunition and equipment which Iran acquired abroad in 1982. The report added that North Korea obtained its arms mainly from the Soviet

Nude holy woman jailed for life

NEW DELHI (RJ - A 24year-old nude holy woman, jailed for life for murdering her lover. will appeal to India's highest court to prove her innocence, press reports said Tuesday. Mangammavva, who claims supernatural powers and refuses to wear clothes, was found guilty by a court in the southern Indian district of Kurnool of murdering her lover after he decided to marry someone else. She was freed on bail by an upper court last week. She insisted on appearing in the nude during her trial. The judge compromised by agreeing to allow her disciples to hold a cloth around her in court. Asked by a reporter why she stayed naked, Mangammavva said; "I was born without clothes and I would like to remain that way.

Marcos' war medals discussed in court

MANILA (R) — A government witness said Tuesday that a newspaper article questioning the war medals of President Ferdinand Marcos was part of a plan to desbino Diego, intelligence chief of the presidential security command, told the court that a plan to topple the government was seized in the offices of the tabloid We Forum and in raids of other subversive groups. Col. Diego was the prosecution's first witness at the trial of We Forum publisherednor Jose Burgos and nine of his staff and columnists on subversion

Charles, Diana as Romeo and Juliet

LONDON (R) — Prince Charles. beir to the British throne, donned a mask and a gold cloak on Sunday and played Romeo to his wife Princess Diana before an audience at London's Royal Opera House. British newspapers reported Tucsday. The prince, his identity initially concealed, shinned up a six-metre ladder to the royal box and kissed his wife in a spoot version of the balcony scene from Romeo and Juliet, the masscirculation newspapers. The Sun and The Star said. The performance had the packed audience of opera and ballet lovers cheering in the aisles, they added. A Royal Opera House spokeswoman said she could give no details as the gala was a private function, but she denied suggestions in The Sun that the prince vas wearing tights.

Sardianian kidnap gang leaders jailed

CAGLIARI, Sardinia (R) - The

trial of Sardinia's notorious kidnap gang, the "Anonima Saroa." ended with heavy sentences for the convicted ringleaders. It was the first trial in which informers played a major part on the witness stand, breaking the centuries-old rule of silence and anonymity which gave the gang its name. Agostino Mallocci. Piero Piras and Mario Trudu were three of the leaders who received 30 years imprisonment each for a string of kidnappings that terrorised wcalthy residents and visitors to the U.S. authorides as an agent of the holiday island. But several men accused of key roles in the gang were acquitted while others recthe purpose of setting up and maintaining a school for terrorists.



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